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SUBJECT: DRAFTING GROUP MEETING NO. 148, SEPTEMBER 8, 1977

REF: A) SALT TWO 1385; B) SALTWO 1373.

1. ICBM TEST LAUNCH NOTIFICATION: KARPOV TABLED NEW FORMULATION
FOR PARAGRAPH 1 OF ARTICLE II OF PROTOCOL. TEXT FOLLOWS:

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BEFORE CONDUCTING PLANNED ICBM TEST LAUNCHES CARRIED OUT WITHIN
ITS NATIONAL TERRITORY, EACH PARTY UNDERTAKES TO NOTIFY THE OTHER
PARTY THAT SUCH A TEST WILL OCCUR, WHENEVER SUCH LAUNCHES, IN ITS
VIEW, MIGHT BE MISINTERPRETED AND GIVE RISE TO CONCERN BY THE
OTHER PARTY. END TEXT.

2. KARPOV CLAIMED THAT ONLY PLANNED LAUNCHES WITHIN NATIONAL
TERRITORY NEED BE ADDRESSED. ACCIDENTAL LAUNCHES AND THOSE BEYOND
NATIONAL TERRITORY ARE ALREADY COVERED BY PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS.
PEREZ NOTED THAT U.S. PROPOSAL FOR ARTICLE XVII REMAINED BROADER
IN SCOPE THAN SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR PROTOCOL SO BASIC DIFFERENCES
BETWEEN BOTH SIDES REMAINED.

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3. PREAMBLE TO JOINT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES: KARPOV TABLED NEW
LANGUAGE TO ELIMINATE BRACKETED PORTION OF PREAMBLE. TEXT FOLLOWS.
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REAFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF STRATEGIC STABILITY FOR THE INTER-
ESTS OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY,

CONVINCED THAT EARLY AGREEMENT ON THE FURTHER LIMITATION AND FURTHER REDUCTION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS WOULD SERVE THE PURPOSE OF STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND WOULD REDUCE THE DANGER OF AN OUTBREAK OF NUCLEAR WAR, END TEXT.

4. COMMON UNDERSTANDING TO ARTICLE XVI.3: U.S. TABLED WORKING PAPER CONTAINING U.S. PROPOSALS FOR REVISED ARTICLE XVI, AGREED STATEMENTS, AND COMMON UNDERSTANDING (REFTEL A). KARPOV AGREED WITH RAMEE STATEMENT THAT ARTICLE XVI.3 PROHIBITS DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT MEASURES ASSOCIATED WITH TESTING BUT QUESTIONED WHETHER IT WAS NECESSARY TO STATE THIS SPECIFICALLY IN SECOND HALF OF PROPOSED COMMON UNDERSTANDING. KARPOV ASKED FOR EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND HALF OF PROPOSED COMMON UNDERSTANDING AND SMOLIN STATED U.S. FORMULATION WAS REDUNDANT. RAMEE NOTED THAT U.S. INTENTION WAS FIRST TO INDICATE THE AREAS WHERE XVI.3 WOULD APPLY -- I.E., THROUGHOUT THE AGREEMENT -- AND THEN TO INDICATE HOW IT WOULD APPLY WITH RESPECT TO SOME AREAS OF IMPORTANCE TO U.S.

5. NEW SUBPARAGRAPH 3(D) OF ARTICLE XVIII: U.S. TABLED WORKING PAPER FOR NEW SUBPARAGRAPH (REFTEL A): KARPOV STATED THAT U.S. SUBPARAGRAPH WAS UNNECESSARY SINCE THE SITUATION DESCRIBED THEREIN WAS ALREADY COVERED BY SUBPARAGRAPH 2(D) OF ARTICLE XVIII. KARPOV DENIED ANY ANALOGY BETWEEN THE INCLUSION OF SUBPARAGRAPH 2(C), DEALING WITH WHAT HE TERMED "SPECIFIC ISSUES." AND THE U.S. PROPOSAL FOR NEW SUBPARAGRAPH 2(D). RAMEE NOTED THAT THIS SUBPARA-
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GRAPH IS PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSAL FOR XVI.3 AND THAT REMOVAL OF THE "BEST EFFORTS" SENTENCE IS CONTINGENT UPON ACCEPTANCE OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH. IN SUMMARIZING DISCUSSIONS, PEREZ EMPHASIZED PACKAGE NATURE OF U.S. PROPOSAL FOR ARTICLE XVI.

6. KARPOV SUMMARIZED ISSUES WHICH SOVIETS HAVE PRESENTED TO U.S. IN DRAFTING GROUP AND ARE AWAITING RESPONSE. THESE ISSUES ARE:

A. UNIVERSALITY OF PROVISIONS COVERING LAUNCHERS - SOVIETS AWAIT RESPONSE TO THEIR PROPOSAL OF AUGUST 26 (REFTEL B).

B. II.3 - SOVIETS EXPECT A STATEMENT ON THIS ISSUE SOON.

C. II.5 - SOVIETS AWAITING RESPONSE TO THEIR PROPOSAL OF AUGUST 24.

\$. IV.8 - SOVIETS AWAIT REPLY TO THEIR PROPOSAL OF JULY 26. U.S. PROPOSAL IS BEING STUDIED.

7. KARPOV WILL BE IN MOSCOW WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12. NEXT MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.
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